



HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

August 11, 2016- 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hamada called the August 11, 2016 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:36 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Emily Bykonen, Melissa Edlund-Oakley, Leslie Hamada, Kasia Kelley, Brian Lord, and Josh Max

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Sr. Human Services Planner

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AND THE MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2016 WERE ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. Presentation of Agencies

➤ Anna Kallis Crisis Clinic Teen Link

Anna gave an overview of how the Teen Link operates and the differences in a phone call and an on-line chat. Both chat and phone calls are confidential and are staffed by youth volunteers who are supervised for a professional mental health expert. Hours of operation are 6-9:30 p.m. for chat and 6-10 p.m. for phone calls. Teen Link is asking for an increase this year due to the way Crisis Clinic has changed to basing funding on the projected contacts from each city which is more equitable. Suicide prevention training classes are taught each year at Kentwood. When asked why they don't go to Kentlake, Anna said due to demand and funding limits, they prioritize the schools to where they receive funding. Kentlake falls under the city of Kent and they do not fund Teen Link. The number of youth services on Service Unit #1 combines students receiving the prevention training as well as phone/chat line contacts. Because it is hard to project the number of phone/chat calls, they do not use this as a separate service unit. The Commission asked if Anna would send some data from the past few years that would have the actual number of Covington residents calling the Teen Link hot line. Last year they received 23 calls and trained 418 students. She will send a report from the past 5 years and going forward, she will send us that number although it will not be a required service unit goal.

➤ Cheri Smith & Dena Frandsen, Sound Mental Health Low-Income Counseling

Cheri spoke about how great the needs are for youth and family counseling. They visit each school as well as counselors and attend any parent fair to get the word out. They currently have an agreement with the Kent School District & Tahoma School District and work with Communities in Schools. They serve clients with mental health issues, domestic violence, medication and work to get people health insurance. Covington funds would go toward mental health services and medication. The Commission asked how they plan to recruit board members from South King County. They have a new CEO and recognize the need for more representation in SKC. Their Children's DV Response Team is the fastest growing program in their agency. The Service Unit #2 for Medical Care is defined by hours. Dena emphasized the needs for mental health counseling in youth.

➤ Abdirisak Hashi, Somali Refugee Community Services

Mr. Hashi explained their core components are education, ESL, job placement, and coaching soccer. Their service location is on Rainier Ave. in south Seattle, they don't have an office in SKC. Transportation may be difficult and they do not have bus vouchers for clients. When asked about the population of Somalians in Covington and how they plan to serve 20 residents, Mr. Hashi said many Somalians moved here to be near the Mosque and better schools for their kids. They market this program in Somali grocery stores and places of worship. Chair Hamada asked him to explain the differences in cost per service between Covington \$250 per person and Tukwila at \$33 per person. Mr. Hashi wrote the application with help of South King Council of Human Services and he didn't understand.

➤ Karen Dove, ANEW Women's Employment

Karen is the new director and very excited to be able to restore funding that had been lost and develop the marketing program. She hopes to open an office in SKC and plans to specifically market to Covington where there is a lot of construction. She noted that the construction field is expected to stay strong for another 6-7 years. Some of their students have already been offered family wage jobs even before they graduate. They also assist with barriers such as funding the tools a worker needs to start a career and many of their students have criminal records which prohibited them from jobs in other fields. The significant budget increase in 2017 is due to her ability to double the women in the program and double the job placements. 80% of students find job placement with an average of \$21 per hour!

➤ Terri Susuki, WA Poison Center Emergency Services

Terri's presentation was the highlight of the evening. Following an overview of the core components of this program, Terri showed the commission part of a "Mr. Yuk Kit" which is used in their educational program. One part of the kit had an E-cigarette and refill cartridge. She explained how only a teaspoon of the liquid to a child would be dangerous if not fatal. The packaging and smell is very much like candy which would attract a child. They have been successful in legislating changes to a child-proof top as well as labels. If Covington chooses to fund this program, they would provide two educational events in our area; either to senior center or health fairs or schools. Most of their funding comes from the state (marijuana tax dollars). Their staff are highly educated and professionals who haven't had a wage increase for a long time so state Dept. of Health grant would allow them to increase the salaries and retain qualified staff. Since there are no board members from SKC she was asked how they plan to recruit.

Terri said they are always looking and actively recruiting at MultiCare, agriculture and manufacturing plants.

Item 2. Review 2nd Quarter Human Service Reports

Due to time shortage, Victoria provided a matrix for 2nd quarter goals and suggest the commission take the narrative reports home to read. All program goals were approved and staff sent to finance for reimbursement.

OLD BUSINESS

Item 3. Discussion on Application Funding

The Commission discussed the presenters and shared any comments or concerns they had. They were very impressed with the ANEW Women's Employment and WA Poison Center.

Item 4. Report on Joint Council Meeting

Chair Hamada, Vice-Chair Brian Lord, Emily Bykonen, Josh Max, and Melissa Edlund-Oakley attend the joint council meeting on Tues., August 9th. They were all very surprised with Council's continued support for human services which resulted in Council proposing an increase of \$10,000. The request will go to the full council in Sept.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Victoria reminded the commissioners to turn in their application rating sheets by Friday, August 19th by 5:00 p.m. The next step is for staff to compute the average scores and put in a rank order. This rank order will be presented at the Sept. meeting for the purpose of making their funding recommendations. This will be a working dinner meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. CM Edlund-Oakley recommended catering from Café Rio so Victoria will make arrangements for Sept., 8th.

CM EDLUND-OAKLEY MOVED AND CM LORD SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:38 P.M. VOTE: 6:0. MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by:



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